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SUBJECT: TOUGHENING OF GOC POSITION OF INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1. INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE OF GOC MEASURES PREDOMINANTLY  
DIRECTED AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SEPTELS)  
WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO WITHDRAW CHILEAN OBSERVERS  
FROM THE CURRENT MEETING OF THE UNHRC IN GENEVA. THAT WITH-  
DRAWAL APPEARS MORE SYMBOLIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE, BUT PRE-  
SUMABLY FORECASTS A HARDER POSITION OVERALL VIS-A-VIS  
CHILE'S FOREIGN CRITICS IN THE UN.

2. THE DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED IN A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATE-  
MENT OF MARCH 11, EMPHATICALLY REJECTING CHARGES OF HUMAN  
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RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE MINISTRY INVOKED THE PRINCIPLE OF  
NON-INTERVENTION, THE GOC'S DUTY TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES  
OF CHILEANS, BUT ALSO THE EXISTENCE OF THE NATION; ITS  
VARIOUS ACTIONS IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS; ITS LOYAL  
COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS STUDYING  
THE PROBLEM, AND THE REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ANY KIND OF  
PRESSURE INTENDED TO CHANGE ITS LINE OF ACTION. THE

STATEMENT SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT THE GOC WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AS LONG AS THERE WERE NO FAIR PROCEDURAL STANDARDS REGULATING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN ALL COUNTRIES, SINCE IT WILL NOT ALLOW "SUCH OPEN DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST CHILE. THE MINISTRY CONCLUDED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PINOCHET'S DECISION.

3. COMMENT: THE WITHDRAWAL OF CHILEAN OBSERVERS FROM A MEETING WHICH HAD ALREADY CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF CHILE APPEARS PURELY SYMBOLIC. IT MAY, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT THE GOC WILL END ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNHRC AD HOC WORKING GROUP REGARDING A VISIT TO CHILE, AND IT SURELY FORESHADOWS A TOUGHER HANDLING OF THE GOC'S GENERAL POSITION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.  
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